[Translation]

Export Houses

4868. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the recognised export houses in the country as on date;

(b) the value of exports made by them during each of the last three years; and

(c) the number of new export houses recognised during the above period and the number of export houses derecognised alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are 1199 recognised export houses in the country as on date.

(b) The approximate export performance of recognised Export Houses during the past three years based on export returns received by FIEO is as under. The performance includes estimates in respect of those Export Houses who have not submitted their returns.

(Rs. In crores)

Year	*Export performances*
1988-89	7042
1989-90	8124
1990-91	8968

(c) The number of export houses recognised in each year of the last three years in as under:-

	3 years validity	*One year validity*
1989-90	495	—
1990-91	185	63
1991-92	519	Including one year Export House Certificates with a Validity upto 31.3.92

No export House has been derecognised during the above period.

[English]

Excise Exemption for Ayurvedic Drugs

4869. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any excise duty exemption for Ayurvedic drugs; and

(b) if so, how much excise duty exemption has been enjoyed by the top ten drug

companies in India during the last ten years, company-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):(a) Yes, Sir. Under Notification No. 32/89-CE dated 1-3-1989, there is a full exemption from payment of excise duty on ayurvedic drugs.

(b) The manufacturers of fully exempted excisable goods are not required to furnish the information pertaining to production and clearance under the provisions of Central Excise Rules, 1944 and notification issued thereunder. The figure of excise duty exemption enjoyed in respect of ayurvedic drugs cannot, therefore, be readily determined.

Income Tax Raids

4870. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of income tax raids conducted during 1989-90 and 1990-91, collectoratewise;

(b) the value of unaccounted money and other wealth detected during these raids, collectoratewise;

(c) the number of cases filed in courts during the last two years in respect of such detected cases, collectorate-wise; and

(d) the number of such court cases finalised and penalty imposed and recovered, collectorate-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):(a) and (b). Please se enclosed statements.

(c) and (d). Prosecutions for offences under the Direct Tax enactments are not launched on the basis of searches *per see.* Prosecutions are generally launched on completion of assessments and after careful evaluation of relevant evidence. Details regarding prosecutions launched and decided during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under:-

Year	*No. of Prosecutions launched*	*No. of Cases decided*	*No. of cases of conviction*
1989-90	8929	638	181
1990-91	3786	2309	174

Details regarding penalties imposed by the courts are not regularly maintained in the Central Board of Direct Taxes.